

WSDOT Road Construction Update for Snohomish County

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WSDOT Kicks Off Widening Project on SR 9 this Month

We've started work on a [\\$33.5 million project](#) to double the number of lanes on SR 9, increase safety, improve traffic flow and decrease drive times. This week WSDOT will kick off construction on SR 9 with a groundbreaking ceremony. Neighbors, local business owners, city officials, and county officials are invited to participate at 10 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 22 in Woodinville at Pennsylvania Woodworks, 23128 SR 9 S.E.

Booming population growth, heavy business development and a 37 percent increase in car and freight traffic in the last 15 years have turned SR 9 from a rural highway to a congested urban thoroughfare. Widening SR 9 is a crucial transportation need in Snohomish County.



Transit Ramps Open to Buses at Ash Way Park & Ride

Monday, Sept. 19 Sound Transit hosted a celebration at the [Ash Way Park & Ride](#) in Lynnwood, marking the completion of the third of nine Sound Transit Direct Access projects. The newly opened transit direct access ramp will take bus commuters directly to I-5 from the Ash Way Park & Ride. One hundred and eighty Community Transit and Sound Transit Express buses each day will use this ramp for service to Lynnwood, Seattle and other areas to the south. The ramps will increase the speed and reliability of bus routes using this park and ride and provide safety for commuters. Other drivers on the freeway will not have to maneuver around busses trying to enter the freeway and 164th St. S.W. improving traffic flow.

Workers Lay Foundation for the New SR 522 Bridge and Fish Habitats

This month crews are continuing to build the foundations for the new [State Route 522 Bridge](#) at the Fales/Echo Lake Road intersection. We also installed three [fish passage culverts](#) and are currently laying down three feet of streambed gravel in the culverts for the native Cutthroat Trout that will use them. Water should be running through the stream by October 15.

South Half of the Smokey Point Bridge Goes Up

Crews are making lots of progress building a [new taller and wider bridge](#) over I-5 in Smokey Point. In recent weeks WSDOT and its contractor Graham Construction successfully installed the last four 5-ton concrete girders over I-5. Over the next few months crews will build the bridge deck for the south half of the new bridge.

Paving Work Complete on SR 524 in Lynnwood

Driving on State Route 524 from Lynnwood to Bothell you will notice a smoother ride. Crews have finished [repaving](#) more than three miles of road on SR 524, from Interstate 5 in Lynnwood to Richmond Road near the city of Bothell. Crews will be making more roadway improvements this fall. Drivers will continue to see crews installing guardrail and finishing roadway striping through the month of October, and should plan for nighttime lane closures.

Crews Break Ground on Major I-5 Expansion in Everett

WSDOT kicked off I-5 Expansion and HOV project construction in Everett Sept. 9 with a ground breaking celebration attended by Governor Christine Gregoire, Secretary of Transportation Doug McDonald, several other lawmakers, and local business leaders.

Now that construction has started, drivers will notice an increasing amount of ‘orange’ on the freeway. Barrels and cones protecting surveyors are along I-5 shoulders both north and southbound between the Boeing Freeway interchange and West Marine View Drive in Everett. Drivers should be particularly aware of work crews and vehicles in this corridor – please slow down and be extra vigilant.

Crews have already started lane shifts and setting up a work space to begin drilling shafts to add the first major improvement on the project: a new right-hand exit to Broadway Avenue

Drivers should watch for visual distractions near the Broadway exit as crews move and begin operating a tall drilling rig in the median. Crews will be drilling shafts to house the support piers for the new Broadway exit bridge. When drilling is complete in the median, crews will relocate the large drill along the east side of northbound I-5. Crews have begun clearing trees on the left and right sides of northbound I-5. The new Broadway exit is expected to be open to drivers by next June.

How to Learn More about Highway Construction in Snohomish County

You can find updated information about highway projects by visiting our [weekly report](#) and our [Snohomish County projects list](#).

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